

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
OCT 18 2006

001

EXPEDITED EXAMINING REQUESTED

PATENT

Docket No. 54407US006  
(formerly 54407USA6B.006)IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Scott J. TUMAN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1762  
)  
Serial No.: 09/822,651 ) Examiner: Elena Tsoy  
Confirmation No.: 9447 )  
)  
Filed: 30 March 2001 )  
)  
For: WEB HAVING DISCRETE STEM REGIONS

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION TO THE PTO

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FAX NUMBER: (571) 273-8300  
Total Pages (including cover page): 6 pgs.  
Time: 1:16 p.m. (Central Time)  
(Transmission must be complete by  
midnight eastern time.)

The following papers are being transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office by facsimile transmission: Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (5 pgs).

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers and please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

Mueeting, Raasch &amp; Gebhardt, P.A.

18 OCT. 2006  
Date

By: KW Raasch  
Kevin W. Raasch  
Reg. No. 35,651  
Direct Dial (612)305-1218

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Facsimile Cover Sheet and the paper(s), as described hereinabove, are being transmitted by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR §1.6(d) to the Patent and Trademark Office addressed to the Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 18th day of October, 2006, at 1:16 p.m. (Central Time).

18 October 2006  
Date

Signature: R. Gagliardi  
Name: Rachel Gagliardi

If you do not receive all pages, please contact us at (612)305-1220 (ph) or (612)305-1228 (fax).

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
OCT 18 2006

OFFICIAL  
Expedited Examining Procedure  
Group 1762

PATENT  
Docket No. 54407US006  
(formerly 54407USA6B.006)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Scott J. TUMAN et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1762
		)		
Serial No.:	09/822,651	)	Examiner:	Elena Tsoy
Confirmation No.:	9447	)		
		)		
Filed:	30 March 2001	)		
		)		
For:	<u>WEB HAVING DISCRETE STEM REGIONS</u>			

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed 23 August 2006 has been received and reviewed. No claims have been added, canceled, or amended. Therefore, claims 71-79, 81-90, and 92-108 are pending. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested as discussed below.

The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 71-79, 81-84, 86-90, 92-106, and 108 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wessels et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,699,120). This rejection is respectfully traversed.